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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 1000.9B

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
UNITED STATES

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction O-3002.05 of 12 April 2016
(b) NAVREGS Article 1141
(c) SECNAVINST 5200.35F
(d) SECNAV M-5214.1

Encl: (1) Executive Order 10631--Code of Conduct for Members
of the Armed Forces of the United States

1. Purpose. Update policy, assign responsibilities, and prescribe procedures, per references (a) and (b), and execute the Code of Conduct for Members of the Armed Forces of the United States, enclosure (1).

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 1000.9A.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC), and all U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps installations, commands, Activities, field offices, and all other organizational entities within the DON.

4. Policy. The Code of Conduct was established by E.O. 10631 (amended by E.O. 11382, E.O. 12017 and E.O. 12633) to provide standards of behavior for members of the Armed Forces in combat and captivity. It consists of six articles. The executive order requires that all members of the Armed Forces be "provided with specific training and instruction designed to better equip them to counter and withstand all enemy efforts against them, and shall be fully instructed as to the behavior and obligations expected of them during combat or captivity."

5. Responsibilities

a. The CNO and the CMC shall provide for training in support of the Code of Conduct per references (a) and (b).

b. Officers in command of activities or units having Navy or Marine Corps members assigned shall comply with the provisions of reference (b) regarding instruction of military personnel in the Code of Conduct for Members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and the conspicuous posting of the Code of Conduct in places readily accessible to such personnel.

6. Internal Controls. In accordance with reference (c), the establishment and use of internal controls and accounting procedures are mandated to ensure: effectiveness and efficiency of operations; reliability of financial reporting; and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Additionally, as part of the annual Manager's Internal Control Program (MICP) report, the Navy and Marine Corps will provide the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) with copies of the sections of their reports that are relevant to this program.

7. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned according to the records disposition schedules found on the Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page:

<https://portal.secnave.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/SitePages/Home.aspx>

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact your local Records Manager or the DRMD program office.

8. Reports. The reporting requirement contained in paragraph 6 is exempt from information collection control, per reference

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(d), Part IV, paragraph 7n and requires no Report Control Symbol.



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**EXECUTIVE ORDER 10631—CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED
FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES**

Source: Executive Order 10631, "Code of Conduct for Members of the Armed Forces of the United States" of 17 August 1955, as amended by EO 11382 of 28 November 1967; EO 12017 of 3 November 1977; EO 12633 of 28 March 1988; EO 13286 of 28 February 2003.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, and as Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, I hereby prescribe the Code of Conduct for Members of the Armed Forces of the United States which is attached to this order and hereby made a part thereof.

All members of the Armed Forces of the United States are expected to measure up to the standards embodied in this Code of Conduct while in combat or in captivity. To ensure achievement of these standards, members of the armed forces liable to capture shall be provided with specific training and instruction designed to better equip them to counter and withstand all enemy efforts against them, and shall be fully instructed as to the behavior and obligations expected of them during combat or captivity.

The Secretary of Defense (and the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard except when it is serving as part of the Navy) shall take such action as is deemed necessary to implement this order and to disseminate and make the said Code known to all members of the armed forces of the United States.

**Code of Conduct for Members of the United States Armed
Forces**

I

I am an American fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

II

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they

still have the means to resist.

III

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from my enemy.

IV

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

V

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

VI

I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.